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MISSION APPRECIATES WASHINGTON CONCERN IN REF A THAT INTRODUCING THE FOUR U.S. DECISIONS COULD OVERLOAD CIRCUIT AND DELAY WORK ON AIR MANPOWER. MISSION WOULD HOPE, HOWEVER, THAT WASHINGTON CAN PROVIDE EARLY GUIDANCE FOR INTRODUCTION, EVEN ON A PIECEMEAL BASIS. WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE THESE POINTS WILL UNDULY DISRUPT THE WORK SCHEDULE HERE, SINCE THE ALLIES ARE NOT PRESSING FOR EARLY NATO WORK ON THEM, SINCE THERE IS NO PRESENT NEED IN VIENNA FOR NAC GUIDANCE. OUR CONCERN IS THAT SOME OF THE SMALLER ALLIES MAY START TO LEARN ABOUT THESE U.S. DECISIONS FROM THE UK OR THE FRG. WE WOULDNOT WANT TO INTRODUCE THE U.S. DECISION ON PHASE I POST-REDUCTION MANPOWER LEVELS (PARA 29 MEASURES) NOT THAT REF B HAS POINTED OUT THAT WASHINGTON MAY MODIFY THAT DECISION. RUMSFELD

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